

# Cumberland Farm Women Hold Convention

SHIPPENSBURG (Cumberland Co.) — The 59th annual convention of the Cumberland County Society of Farm Women was held Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Beistle Meeting Room, Shippensburg.

During the past year, the 22 societies that meet throughout the county welcomed 15 new members. Unfortunately seven members passed away and nine members dropped out, which adds up to a total of 307 members.

These members raised \$6,160 to give to local charities throughout the year. At the convention, two checks for \$150 each were presented to Cumberland County Hospice and to the Therapeutic Riding Association of Cumberland County.

Two students from Cumberland

County received scholarships from the State Society of Farm Women. Lisa Marie Nissley, granddaughter of Gayle Fry, member of Group 17, received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Curtis Ray Beidel, son of Wayne and Loudenis Beidel, member of Group 21, received a \$500 scholarship.

Fun, work, and entertainment throughout the year was accomplished through plant auctions, theater, musicals, food stands, fashion shows, shopping trips, garden visits, candy sales, teas, luncheons, banquets, baked goods sales, Bingo games, sewing teddy bears and stuffed animals for hospitalized children, cookie exchanges, educational programs, helping families in need, macraming lawn chairs, and participating

in many other activities.

On her 100th birthday, members honored Grace Elizabeth Sollenberger Rider, who is a member of Group 9. She resides at Manor Care Health Services, Carlisle.

Grace and her husband Olin had operated a meat market in Shippensburg. After moving to the Carlisle area, the couple participated in many church activities and Grace baked pies and cookies for Harrisburg and Carlisle Markets. Later she made salads for a food market.

During the convention, the group honored four members who are 95 years of age or older. These included Mary Sunday of Group 1; Mary Mowery of Group 4; Margaret Garner of Group 6; and Esther Bradley of Group 13.

Those celebrating a 90th birthday were Marian Swartz of Group 5 and Elizabeth Whitcomb of Group 14.

Those receiving pins for their 80th birthdays included Marlee Rook of Group 5, Helen Sunday of Group 14, and Mary Weir of Group 19.

Cumberland County Dairy Princess Rebecca Cornman gave a skit about dairy products. She also talked about the many jobs filled by farmers and by his main supporter, the farm wife.

Entertainment was provided by Newburg Area Men's Chorus.

Cumberland County officers include the following: Donna Duncan, president; Betty Wert, first vice president; Norma Greider, second vice president; Betty Gorman, recording secretary; Dorothy Dunkleberger, corresponding secretary; and Sarah Nealy, treasurer.



County president Donna Duncan presents a check to Robert Rhodes, representative from Therapeutic Riding Association of Cumberland County.

State President Lois Hughes, Cambria County, reminded members of the upcoming State Convention to be held Jan. 11 at the State Forum, Harrisburg. Cumberland County President

Donna Duncan reported that Cumberland County will host the Society of Farm Women Spring Rally on May 12, 1999. The Rally will be held at the Holiday Inn West, Mechanicsburg.

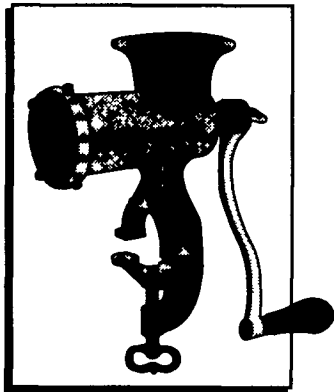


Lois Hughes, state president, pins a Farm Women pin on Elizabeth Whitcomb, Group 14, in honor of her 90th birthday.

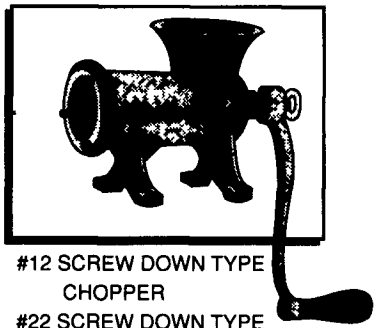


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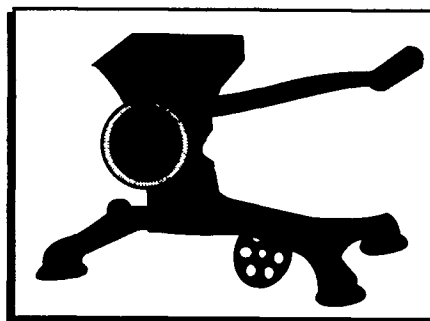
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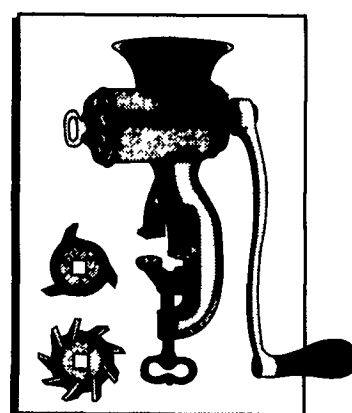
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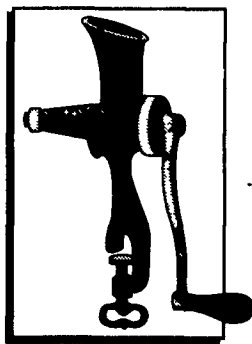
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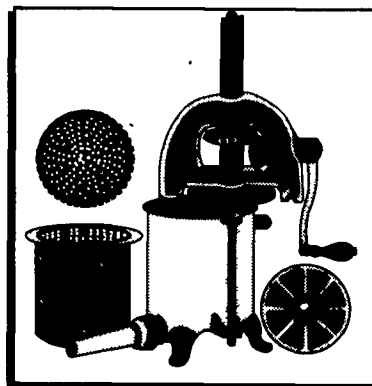
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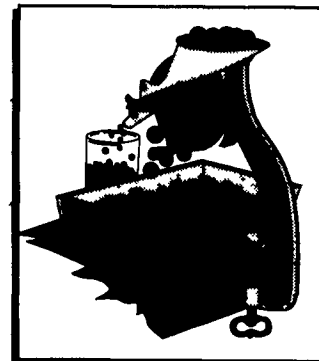
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